

I would like to take a moment to share with you some comments regarding the NAB fight against XM offering Traffic and Weather services to its customers. As a production manager working in Radio and Television, I usually take the side of the NAB, as they generally have good ideas and proposals regarding our business. However on this I must object to the way the NAB is handling this debate. XM Radio has introduced a great service to its customers with the Traffic and weather. Instead of joining XM in this unique program they wish to fight them. In my opinion the NAB is using its power to squash new competition in this marketplace. If anything the NAB has crossed the line of Antitrust. to quote and article I recently read, "Should satellite radio offer better localized coverage than "terrestrial stations"--as it has so far done with other programming--there'd really be little reason left to turn on the traditional radio." This is what the NAB is truly fighting about. If anything they should look to their competition and 'upgrade' their services. However instead of changing themselves they want to just stop anything new coming out.

XM's service is great to its members. This quality of programming is not available anywhere. And as a service that I pay for, I should have the right to listen to what I want. We are not talking about pornography or indecent materials. We are talking about the local traffic and what the weather is doing. This is a basic service that even satellite television offers. You can tune into a channel on Dish Network and by entering a zip code you can look up the weather in any city in the country. This has been around for years there. Now it is being offered in another form.

Thank you for your time in reading my comments. I respectfully request that you reject the NAB's proposal and continue to allow America the freedom to enjoy their uninterrupted listening of Traffic and Weather.